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SUBJECT: TENTATIVE INDIAN ATTENDANCE AT 60TH UNGA  
HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

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1. MEA UN Political Director Pankaj Sharma told Poloff that the Indian delegation to the September UNGA High-Level Event in New York has not yet been finalized, as the composition will be the prerogative of the Prime Minister. However, he informed us that previous delegations have included the individuals holding the positions outlined below. Post has also heard unconfirmed reports that Sonia Gandhi, the head of the governing UPA coalition, may also attend. We will provide updates as the delegation composition is confirmed.

2. Likely attendance:

A. Head of State. (No plans to attend)

B. Head of Government. Likely to attend.

-- Prime Minister Manmohan Singh

-- Arrival and departure dates and presence at General Debate not yet determined.

-- Spouse: Gursaran Kaur (attendance to be determined)

-- Interpretation not required.

C. Foreign Minister. Likely to attend.

-- External Affairs Minister (Mr.) K Natwar Singh

-- Arrival and departure dates and presence at General Debate not yet determined but likely.

-- Spouse: Heminder Kaur (attendance to be determined)

-- Interpretation not required.

D. Attendance of other VIPs

-- Foreign Secretary (Mr.) Shyam Saran

-- Arrival and departure dates and presence at General Debate not yet determined but likely.

-- Spouse: Ms. Anita Saran (attendance to be determined)

-- Interpretation not required.

E. Attendance of foreign ministry officials responsible for IO affairs.

-- Assistant Secretary (International Security) Meera Shankar (probable)

-- Arrival and departure dates not yet determined.

-- Spouse: (attendance to be determined)

-- Interpretation not required.

-- Joint Secretary (UN Political) (Mr.) Hamid Ali Rao

-- Arrival and departure dates not yet determined.

-- Spouse: (attendance to be determined)

-- Interpretation not required.

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